

Beloved Parents,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 Sunday School year!

Our Sunday School program plays a vital and indispensable role in educating, nurturing and modeling our Greek Orthodox Christian faith to our most precious resource, our children. With this in mind, I pray that you will seriously consider your parental responsibility in facilitating your child(ren)'s Greek Orthodox Christian upbringing by enrolling them in our Sunday School program. The children will be learning from lessons carefully prepared from the adopted religious education curriculum of our Holy Metropolis. It is important that you continue your child(ren)'s learning of their faith at home through religious discussions and readings, as well as, the practice of their faith through prayer, worship, fasting and charity. These important practices will reinforce to our children the importance of living a Greek Orthodox Christian life!

WHO: Children in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 in the present school year.

WHEN: Classes begin Sunday, September 24, 2017.

WHERE: Reserved seating is available for Sunday School children in the first two pews of the middle and right side of the Church. Please ensure that your children are in Church by **10:15 a.m.** to participate in the Divine Liturgy. After the Holy Gospel reading and children's sermon, teachers will guide the children to their classrooms in the Church hall. Children will return to Church to receive Holy Communion, and then complete their lessons in their classrooms. Classes are dismissed promptly at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

PLEASE NOTE: Sunday School teachers will NOT be responsible for supervising your children past the end of Divine Liturgy! Please pick up your children from their classrooms at this time.

Children may receive snacks at the end of their classes. Please report any food allergies to your child's teacher. To donate snacks for your child's class, inform your child's teacher in advance since some children may have food allergies. As a general rule, all snacks should be nut-free.

All correspondence with the Sunday School program can be directed to myself, the Sunday School co-directors or via email at **sundayschool@stspeterandpaulgoc.ca**.

I look forward to your co-operation and participation and I wish you and your families a wonderful Sunday School year!

With fatherly blessings in Christ's love,

Father Konstantine Chatzis
Parish Priest